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# 7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

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<u>Departure</u> <u>Reliability Goal</u>	Current Departure Reliability
78%	60%

## Air Force unveils new test uniforms

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- Air Force officials could replace the current battle dress ance." uniform.

pattern uniform and includes many form. new features that are intended to century, officials said.

Three hundred uniforms will undergo wear testing from January to July at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Langley AFB, Va.; Luke AFB, Ariz.; McChord AFB, Wash.; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Robins AFB, Ga.; Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The test will generate feedback about fit, durability and functionality.

"Our intent is to create a uniform that will be distinctive, practical, easy to maintain, comfortable and, most form item into service is feedback from importantly, a uniform you will be airmen in the field, Murray said. proud to wear," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper.

tionary force, with less time at home wear," he said. "We want your feedto spend caring for the uniform,"

material technology has improved greatly. As a result, we have designed one uniform that can satisfy our various climates and utility needs, while announced plans Wednesday for the eliminating the need for professional wear test of a new utility uniform that ironing to provide a polished appear-

Jumper said the distinctive Air The blue, gray and green tiger- Force uniform is designed to fit well, stripe camouflage ensemble is a look sharp and require much less departure from the current woodland- maintenance than the current uni-

"We (also) need to ensure our airincrease functionality and provide a men have a uniform that fulfills our distinctive look for airmen of the 21st unique air and space missions," he added.

> Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray said great care is being taken to ensure the best possible uniform is created to meet future needs.

> "I believe that one of the great strengths of our Air Force and its airmen is the ability to adapt to new missions, new technologies and an everchanging world landscape," he said. "This new utility uniform is another example of seeing a need for improvement and moving forward."

> A key step in bringing any new uni-

"I believe it's a uniform fitting of the world's greatest expeditionary Air "We have become a more expedi- Force and one that we will be proud to back as well -- not shoot-from-the-hip Jumper said. "In the last 20 years, feedback, but feedback that comes



2nd Lt. Arcelia Miller of the Air Force's special security office wears the Air Force test utility uniform at an entry control point. The uniforms will undergo wear-testing beginning in January.

from seeing the uniform in action and thinking about how it will meet your needs based on your work environment.

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## Base earns federal water conservation recognition

By Senior Airman **Matthew Rosine** Dyess Public Affairs

A team of Dyess professionals was recently recognized by the Department of Energy as the winner of the 2003 Federal Energy and Water Management award for Water Conservation by a Small Group.

The team of Tom

Denslow, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron base energy manager; Dwain Wadlington, 7th CES deputy command-Ron Miller. Contracting Squadron contracting officer; and Deb McGrath, 7th CONS contract administrator, earned the award for their work on the Dvess effluent water project.

"This initiative was com-

pleted through an energy savings performance contract without expenditures by the government and infused more than \$3 million in improvements to the base infrastructure," said Lt. Col. Darren Daniels, 7th CES commander. "This water conservation initiative is a significant achievement as the city of Abilene, Dyess and the entire West

Texas region have been under extreme drought restrictions for the past four vears."

This project has reduced the base's potable water consumption by over 30 percent, more than 160 million gallons per year. This reduction amounts to more than \$300,000 in savings per year, Daniels said.

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# ACC has unrelenting focus on airman safety

By Gen. Hal Hornburg

Air Combat Command commander

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE. Va. -- Air Combat Command airmen should be proud of this command's contributions to operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. We've all played a vital role in protecting against and defeating terrorist threats both here and abroad. During this period of sustained surge operations and high personnel tempo, Air Force leadership has aggressively promoted safety practices that protect our primary combat capability, namely our people.

Everyone in this command knows my number one priority -- our people. If we don't have the right people and the right force to fly and crew our airplanes, to load our bombs, to do the things that are important for airmen to do, then all we have is metal on the ramp.

ACC has many command successes to tout as well as some serious challenges ahead. One area where we have been particularly successful is ACC weapons safety, which is on track to record their third consecutive year without a Class A mishap. This impressive record is a direct result of focused leadership at all levels and includes combat support for ONE, OEF and OIF. Also during this time period, the Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board mandated recertification of all explosive site plans. Despite the large number of explosive operating and storage locations, this twoyear process is nearing completion and appears to be headed toward a huge success.

Regarding flight safety, the overall Class A flight mishap rate during the 1980s for the Air Force was 1.89 per 100,000 flight hours. Focused leadership and active involvement from airmen of all ranks brought it down to 1.38 in the 1990s and down to an unprecedented mishap rate of 1.29 by 2002. ACC mirrored the

Air Forcewide decline in Class A accident rates with a rate of 3.54 in the 1980s, 2.56 in the 1990s, and 1.87 in the last three years. Fiscal years 2000 and 2001 reached record-low safety mishap rates of 1.62 and 1.61, respectively.

However, the command started to see an increase in operations-related mishaps beginning in September 2002. ACC responded to the increase in flight mishaps in a variety of ways, each unique to the mishap and based on the recommendations of the safety investigators.

ACC conducted an out-of-cycle realistic training review board for the Combat Air Forces to ensure we are focused on realistic training based on the threats to America. We also scrutinized all training rules and procedures to make sure we presented a consistent vision and direction.

Our ground safety efforts to protect our airmen on and off duty need to be redoubled. We're losing too many of our airmen to preventable mishaps. While Air Force and ACC demographics reflect a cross-section of American society and culture. our off-duty fatality statistics also echo rising nationwide trends in alcohol and high-speed related four- and two-wheel vehicle mishaps. In particular, motorcycle accidents by airmen ages 18 to 25 are the largest factor in our highway fatality statistics. We're responding with a series of initiatives aimed at reversing these negative trends.

Every airman in ACC must share my concern for preventing on- and off-duty losses. Safety is about protecting our most valuable resource and maintaining our ability to fight and win our nation's wars. Commanders and supervisors must instill and demand airmanship, discipline, and basic safety awareness of their troops. Make no mistake about it: safety is a 24/7 leadership issue. Thank you for serving our nation and our Air Force.



As our children mark the final hours of summer break next week, Team Dyess will be making final preparations to host the annual Big Country Air Power Day airshow on Saturday, Aug. 16.

In addition to our yearly showcase opportunity to return some of the Abilene community's legendary hospitality, this year's airshow weekend is special. We'll kick off the festivities with a B-1 aviator reunion and a dedication of Dyess' newest addition to the linear airpark, "The Star of Abilene." This gathering and official retirement of the Air Force's first production B-1 bomber salutes the "Bone's" rise to become the preferred weapon in our nation's arsenal.

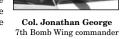
Last year during the Big Country Appreciation Day, we heralded the recent return of Dyess' deployed warfighters from Operation Enduring Freedom. In the period since, our country again called us to service, this time in the skies over Iraq and the Pacific. The men and women of the 7th Bomb Wing and 317th Airlift Group answered that call in spectacular fashion. Next weekend is our chance to put the spotlight on our very own great young Americans and all they do each and every day. Let's have a great airshow and I thank you in advance for all you and your families will do to make it a great event.

## ACTION LINE



The Action Line provides a direct line of communication between Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and the people of Dyess. As a general rule, people should use their chain of command or contact the agency involved first. However, if you are not satisfied, call 6-3355 or e-mail action@dyess.af.mil and leave your message.

All messages will receive a response. Leaving your name and phone number ensures you will receive a personal reply by phone. The *Peacemaker* staff reserves the right to edit all incoming Action Lines before publication. Not all Action Lines may be published.



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## **Uniform**

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"It's important to remember that this is a wear test, and the decision about whether or not to adopt some, all or none of this uniform will be made after considering the results of the test and feedback about how it meets airmen's needs," Murray said.

According to officials, the wash and wear uniform will be easier to maintain and will not require professional laundering or starching. Officials estimate that home laundering can save up to \$240 in laundry costs over the course of a year.

Unlike the current BDU, the new version comes in men's and women's cuts. The separate women's uniform reflects the growth in the number of women in the service. In the late 1980s, women comprised less than 13 percent of the total force. Today, nearly one in five airmen are women.

Officials said other possible advantages to the uniform include:

- Using the same fabric identified by the U.S. Marine Corps as optimum material for wash and wear characteristics.
- A camouflage pattern corresponding to the jobs airmen do in



Airman 1st Class Robert Morris

## VIP visit

Gen. John Handy, U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command commander, is greeted by Col. Gary Harencak, 7th Bomb Wing vice commander, right, and Col. Rich Johnson, 317th Airlift Group commander, left, as the general arrived at Dyess Wednesday. During the visit, he presented the 317th AG with an outstanding unit citation and visited with Dyess airmen and local community leaders.

most situations that require a utilicamouflage pattern used during the ty uniform.

Vietnam War, but with the distinctions.

• Recalling the "tiger stripe"

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Master Sgt. Jim Varhegy

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Stone, and Capt. Rachel Sullivan, wear the optional Henley-style T-shirt while putting the test utility uniform through its paces on the flightline. Airmen from a cross section of Air Force career fields will provide feedback on the fit, durability and functionality of the proposed ensemble that will come in both men's and women's cuts.

camouflage pattern used during the Vietnam War, but with the distinctive Air Force logo embedded into a color scheme that preliminary testing indicates may provide better camouflage.

Officials are also considering maintenance-free boots and alternative T-shirts.

The uniform patterns are being cut, with production to begin in November. Data collection and analysis, and any potential adjustments, will occur from August through October 2004. A final decision on the uniform is expected in December 2004. If approved, production could begin as soon as 2005, with a phase-in date to be determined.

Editor's note:

The Dyess Public Affairs office is interested in Dyess' inputs and opinions about the new Air Force test utility uniforms. Even though the uniform changes may not be implemented in the near future, we are asking Dyess people to send in their opinions.

To submit your comments about the change in uniform, send an email to peacemaker@ dyess.af.mil.



Master Sgt. Jim Varhegy

Staff Sgt. Daryl Alford wears the test Air Force utility uniform. The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage ensemble includes new features intended to increase functionality while providing a distinctive look for airmen.

## Dyess people released, back on duty after suspected SARS cases

By Capt. David May Dyess Public Affairs

All 12 Dyess people isolated for possible Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome infection have now been released from isolation and are back on duty. The last two who were confined to their quarters were released July 28.

Initial tests on the 12 came back

negative for the virus, but in the absence of definitive results, each had to remain in isolation for 10 days after the last symptom had disappeared, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

Medical officials will continue to conduct tests to search for the cause of the symptoms, and final results are not expected for another two to three weeks.

"While the chance that these people had SARS was always remote, with the last of these individuals being released and symptom-free for 10 days, there is no longer any risk of this to anyone in our community," said Dr. (Col.) Schuyler Geller, 7th Medical Group commander.

"Despite the circumstances, this

was a great opportunity for us to test our procedures and lines of communication for dealing with an event like this," said Geller. "Our medical staff did a great job, and we also sincerely thank (officials in) Abilene and the local hospitals for their unflagging support."

For more information, contact the Public Affairs office at 6-5609.

## **Award**

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Potable water is the standard "drinking water" people receive in their homes. Effluent water is water that has been treated from the Lake Kirby reservoir, and despite being "clean and safe," is not considered to be potable. Dyess uses effluent water for base irrigation.

While this federal award recog-

nizes only a few Dyess people, according to Tom Denslow, the effluent water project was really a team effort.

"This has always been a joint project," Denslow said. "This effluent project is very diverse -- it took an integrated effort on everyone's part to make it possible."

To make the project happen, base personnel had to work with the Chevron Oil Corporation, the City of Abilene, Siemens Building Technologies and the office of Congressman Charlie Stenholm. This cooperative effort resulted in more than seven miles of piping being laid, the construction of two 11-million gallon holding reservoirs on base as well as two pumping stations capable of pumping more than 2,000 gallons per minute.

The effluent water project construction began in April 2002 and Dyess began using effluent water on Aug. 15, 2002.

The efforts involved in making the project successful not only earned Dyess recognition with this award, but the Air Force has also highlighted this team of Dyess professionals by putting them and the project on the Air Force's official Federal Energy Management Program poster which will be distributed Air Forcewide this year in support of Energy Awareness Month in October.

Despite the awards and the recognition, Denslow says the real success has been a job well done.

"We are trying our best to save money and save energy," Denslow said. "That is our ultimate goal: to make things better tomorrow."

# Dining out is Sept. 6

### Tickets are on sale for 20th annual enlisted event

**By Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome** *Dyess Public Affairs* 

Tickets are now on sale for the 20th Annual Enlisted Dining Out to be held Sept. 6 at the Abilene Civic Center.

Tickets are available from unit first sergeants for \$12 each. Participants may pay by cash or check.

The theme of this year's Dining Out is "Operation Dining Out -- 20 Years of Enlisted Heritage."

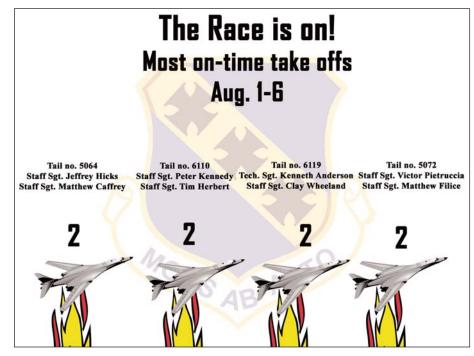
Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Lyssy, 7th Bomb Wing Command Chief Master Sgt., will serve as the President of the Mess. Master Sgt. Bill McElhinny, 7th BW Inspector General's Office, and Tech. Sgt. Karen Graves, 7th BW Legal Office, will serve as "Mister Vice" and "Madam Vice" respectively.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Terry Savoie will be the Dining Out's guest speaker.

Dress for the occasion is mess dress or semi-formal uniform for military members and evening attire for civilians. Female military members must wear skirts.

The event begins with a social hour at 6 p.m. The mess convenes at 7 p.m. To ensure the Dining Out runs smoothly, nearly two dozen "rules of the mess" will be incorporated into the event. Examples of Dining Out transgressions include being late to the event, wearing unauthorized or incorrect uniform items, or "talking shop." (A complete list of the mess rules will be published in a future edition of the *Peacemaker*.)

As the President of the Mess, Lyssy will have the authority to amend the rules as he sees fit. Violators of the rules are sentenced to pay respects to the "grog bowl" -- a toilet converted to a sort of punch bowl and containing a secret mixture of unnamed substances created by the Dining Out committee. For more information, call Master Sgt. Hutson at 6-7646 or Senior Master Sgt. Donna Biddle at 6-3476.





## team dyess Warrior of the Week

## Staff Sgt. Melida Edwards

**Unit:** 7th Bomb Wing Military Equal Opportunity office

**Job description:** Responsible for conducting human relation education and training processing complaints and incident clarifications. In addition, I make referrals to appropriate agencies and provide guidance to ethnic observance committees.

Time in the Air Force: Nine years Time at Dyess: Nine months Hometown: Philadelphia

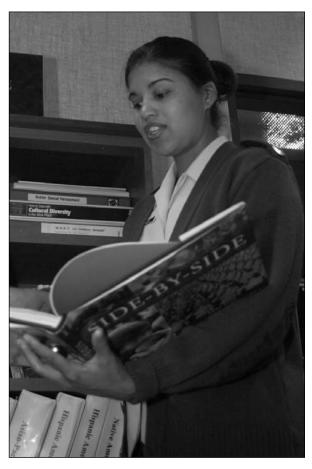
Family: Single

**Job impact on the mission:** Serve as an MEO advisor to the base populous and assist supervisors in creating a healthy and professional work environment.

**Career goals:** Complete bachelors degree and receive a commission by 2005.

**Best Air Force memory:** My two years working for the Dover Port Mortuary.

Editor's note: Squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors nominate people in their units to be the Dyess Warrior of the Week.



Senior Airman Zachary Wilson

### **TEAM DYESS**

7th Bomb Wing staff profile

## Leaders: Commander:

Lt. Col. Timothy Stocking

#### Personnel:

- Officers: 30Enlisted: 120
- Civilians: 21



#### **Mission statement:**

A professional team, delivering bombing, airlift support, training and combat support to combatant commanders... anytime, anywhere.

#### Future goals:

- Take care of our most important asset -- our people
- Strengthen our combat capability
- Continue to promote teamwork



# Dyess captain volleys to make AF women's squad

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson Dyess Public Affairs

One of Dyess' own is visiting old stomping grounds in an attempt to help the Air Force dominate the rest of the Department of Defense during the Armed Services Volleyball tournament Aug. 21-23.

Capt. Katherine Lindler, 7th Bomb Wing executive officer, will compete to earn a spot on the Air Force women's volleyball team this week during a tryout camp at Schriever Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"I was part of the team that won the entire tournament back in 2001," Lindler said. "I hope I can have the chance to do it again."

The tournament is held once a year and pits the best players each service has to offer against each other for DoD bragging rights. The players are required to submit an official Air Force form to the sport's governing body. The team coaches then use these to determine who to invite to the three-day camp to tryout, Lindler said. Out of the 24 players invited to the tryout, 12 will make the final team and take on the other services.

Though Lindler was part of the Air Force's championship team two years ago, she did not play in 2002 due to mission requirements. However, she says she is as prepared as ever to rejoin her teammates and reclaim the trophy for the Air Force.

"If I make the team, it will be really fun to get together with some of those players again," Lindler said. "I have played with nearly half of them already."

Lindler has an extensive background in the sport, beginning when she first started playing during middle school while growing up in Oregon.

"I choose to play volleyball because I tried basketball, but I was too short," the 5-foot-4-inch Lindler joked. "But honestly, I think it is a great sport because it



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

Capt. Katherine Lindler, 7th Bomb Wing executive officer, will compete to join the Air Force women's volleyball team this week.

is physical, but not so intense that you would have to stop playing. You can always play volleyball."

After playing volleyball in summer leagues and as a member of her high school varsity team, she was accepted to the Air Force Academy and walked onto the team.

"Even though I was not recruited to play volleyball, I still started on the Air Force Academy team all four years I was there," she said.

At Dyess, she tries to play as much as possible throughout the year.

"I play in a downtown league at least two times a week as well as on base during the intramural volleyball season," she said.

"After taking into consideration how much I play, I really think I have a good chance to make the team again."

## **Airshow**

The 2003 Big Country Air Power Day airshow is Aug. 16. The Tye gate opens to the public at 9:30 a.m.

This year's show will feature the U.S. Army Golden Knights, an award-winning parachuting team, and B-2, F-117, and A-10 flybys and many more aerial activities. Other events will include the K-9 dog demo, The Smokin' Guns Car Show, and the Air Force Motorsports "Cross into the Blue" NASCAR.

For more information, call Public Affairs at 6-2862 or access the airshow web site at www.dyess.af.mil /airshow/index.htm.

## Space-A

The following flights are available on a space-available basis.

- 7 a.m. today to Stennis, Miss. No return time is listed.
- 12:30 p.m. Saturday to Offutt AFB, Neb. No return flight is listed.
- 12 p.m. Sunday to Columbus, Ga. The flight returns Aug. 15.

• 12 p.m. Aug. 17 to Pope AFB, N.C. The flight returns Aug. 22.

All flights are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice.

Show time for flights is two hours prior to the scheduled take-off time.

All travelers must show their military ID card plus one additional form of identification. Activeduty travelers must possess valid leave orders.

For all flights scheduled during non-duty hours, travelers must notify the PAX terminal to ensure it will be open.

For more information, call 6-4505.

## **Dining Out**

Dyess' 20th Annual Enlisted Dining Out is Sept. 6 at the Abilene Civic Center.

Tickets are available from unit first sergeants.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Terry Savoie is the guest speaker.

### Retirement

The retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. James Schilling is at 1 p.m. Monday at The Heritage Club.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Phillip Silva at 6-4966.

#### **Blood drive**

Dyess' next blood drive is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 21 at The Hangar Center.

Current restrictions include donors who have traveled or lived in the United Kingdom for three months or longer between 1980-1996 and people who have traveled or lived in Europe for six months or longer between 1980-1996 and people who have received a blood transfusion in United Kingdom since 1980.

Donors may donate immediately after receiving an Anthrax vaccination. People who have recently received smallpox vaccine can donate two weeks after the scab has

fallen off on its own.

For more information, call Capt. Lenora Tso at 6-7248.

#### Watch for runners!

Dyess drivers are reminded to slow down and use caution when passing troops running or standing in formation on base. Be particularly careful and observant during early morning and early evening hours for squadrons conducting physical training.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Robert Polanco at 6-5537.

## Trespassing notice

Dyess' three weapons training ranges located at 497 and 525 Avenue E and on Grenade Range Road are restricted areas. Trespassing on these ranges is illegal and dangerous due to live firing.

A red streamer will be flown when the ranges are in use.

For more information, call combat arms at 6-2413.



**Aug. 8** -- The first tricycle landing gear was installed on the Army's Wright Flyer in 1910.

**Aug. 9 --** The second atomic bomb, called "Fat Man," was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan, by a B-29 in 1945, which led to the end of World War II.

**Aug. 10 --** Two Army aircraft participated for the first time in ground force maneuvers in 1912.

**Aug. 11** -- The Fairchild XC-120, a detachable fuselage transport aircraft, completed

its first flight in 1950.

**Aug. 12** -- The first official airship test flights were made at Fort Meyer, Va., in 1908.

**Aug. 13** -- The Air Force announced it had ordered the B-52 bomber into full-scale production in 1952.

**Aug. 14 --** Lt. E. Shaham scored the first Army/Air Force aerial victory in Europe in a P-38.

**Aug. 15 --** Gen. Nathan Twining became the Air Force's first chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1957.

**Local Advertisement** 



## CALENDAR



## Today, Aug. 8, 2003

**Beat the Pro and Club Manager Tournament,** begins at noon with a fee of \$25. For more info, call the Mesquite Grove Golf Course at 6-4384. **Wing retreat** at 5 p.m. at the traffic circle followed by a social hour at The Heritage Club.

**Dyess intramural golf championship,** at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course. For more information, call 6-4384.

## Saturday, Aug. 9, 2003

Dyess intramural golf championship.

Cosmic Golf. Play begins at sundown. \$25 entry fee.

Thunder Alley, 8 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

Late Night, 11 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

## **Sunday,** Aug. 10, 2003

**Family Days bowling,** noon at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166. **Sunday brunch,** from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

## Monday, Aug. 11, 2003

Letters of Intent due for Intramural Bowling Major accident response exercise

## Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003

Letters of Intent due for Intramural Flag Football.

**Four-day transition assistance program seminar,** at the family support center. For more info, call 6-5999.

**Children's crafts,** from 1-2:20 p.m. at the Crafter's Haven. Advance sign-up is required. For more info, call 6-4175.

**Children's summer program,** 10 a.m. at the base library for children ages 3-7. For more info, call 6-2618.

**Bingo mania,** 7:15 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

## Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003

E-5 promotion list released.

**Military retiree lunch,** from noon to 1 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-4980.

## Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003

**50 cent bowling,** 5 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166. **Children's summer reading program,** 3 p.m. at the base library for children ages 8 and older. For more info, call 6-2618.

## Upcoming events

Aug. 16 -- Big Country Air Power Day airshow

Aug. 18 -- First day of school.

Aug. 19 -- 7th Medical Group training day

Aug. 21 -- Base Blood drive at The Hangar Center

Aug. 23 -- Kiddie Bingo at The Hangar Center

Aug. 29 -- Air Combat Command Family Day

## School registration

Registration for students in the Abilene Independent School District continues this week.

Registration will require parents to provide a birth certificate, social security card and shot records. Families new to the school district need to provide proof of residence.

Providing records from previous schools is highly encouraged.

For more information, call AISD at 671-4055.

## Kids' crafts

The Crafter's Haven is offering special craft classes for children from 1-2:20 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Children must sign-up in advance to ensure there are enough supplies available for everyone.

To sign-up for a class or for more information, call 6-4175.

## Summer reading

The children's summer reading program is now under way at the base library.

Children ages 3-7 meet at 10 a.m. Tuesdays and children 8 and older meet at 3 p.m. Thursdays.

For more information, call the base library at 6-2618.

## **OSC** open house

The Dyess Officers Spouses Club is hosting an open house at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21.

The open house is designed to inform officers spouses about area programs and organizations. Free desserts and coffee will be provided.

For more information, call Audra Fruge at 795-8484.





## **ERAU** registration



Airman Shawn Baldauf

## Stick it to 'em

Henry Touchton, son of Lt. Col. John Touchton, 7th Operations Support Squadron. presses down on paint during a craft project at vacation Bible school Monday. Today is the last day of the Dyess Chapel's vacation Bible school titled "Dive Into God's Love -- The Super Cool Underwater Bible Adventure."

nautical University fall term search. at the base education office.

Aug. 11 to Oct. 10. Transfer Science in Technical Management and Master of programs.

Aviation maintenance technology courses leading to airframe and powerplant licensing are also available.

Students may register for residential, online and distance learning courses.

For more information, call the Dyess ERAU office at 6-1785.

#### **TAP** seminar

program seminar ends today at the family support center.

The seminar instructs separating or retiring serv-Students can now register ice members and their

for the Embry-Riddle Aero- spouses on aspects of the job

Topics covered include The term runs from identifying skills, resume writing, interviewing techcredit for military training niques, networking, salary is available for Bachelor of negotiation, assessing finan-Aeronautics, Bachelor of business and educational opportunities.

People must be within Aeronautical Science degree 180 days of separating or retiring to register for the seminar.

> For more information, call the family support center at 6-5999.

#### CHAPEL

## Chapel schedule

Catholic: Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday The transition assistance followed by Mass at 5 p.m. Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday. Gospel service starts at 1 p.m. Sunday. Contemp-orary "Blue Jean" service begins at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

A nursery and children's Science in Professional cial needs, stress, starting a church are available at all services.

> Other religions: The base chapel has information about other religious services in the Abilene area.

> For more information, call the base chapel at 6-4224.

## **MEDICAL**

#### Clinic closed

The 7th Medical Group has temporarily discontinued its weekend clinic hours due to low manning. This will allow for optimal service during normal weekday hours.

After-hours and weekend authorizations for urgent. but non-emergency off-base Protestant: Shared faith care requires preauthoriza-

tion by the on-call primary manager. The manager can be reached at 6-2334. TRI-CARE personnel are also available at 1-800-406-2832 to facilitate health care needs

Patients residing on- or off-base should call 911 for ambulance response or go directly to one of the downtown emergency rooms for illnesses or injuries involving loss of life, limb or sight.

## Cancer screenings

The base women's health clinic has openings for annual cervical cancer screenings for TRICARE Prime patients. To make an appointment, call 6-4677.

## School physicals

The 7th Medical Group is now taking appointments for daycare and school physicals for the next school year. Please bring physical forms and immunization records.

For more information, call the 7th MDG at 6-4677.

## OFF BASE



#### Fiesta Texas

The information, tickets and travel office has special rates for Six Flags Arlington, Fiesta Texas and Hurricane Harbor. To purchase tickets, call 6-5207.

## **Disney discount**

Walt Disney Parks and Resorts is offering active duty military members complimentary five-day Disney's Armed Forces Salute Tickets, valid for admission to Disnev's theme parks, water parks and more at the Walt Disney World Resort now through Dec. 19.

Active duty members may also purchase five-day Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion Tickets for \$99 each for up to five family members or friends.

For more information, call (407) 939-7424.

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Staff Sgt. Benjamin Tuck, 7th Munitions Squadron, loads ordnance onto a B-1 July 28. The B-1s flew to ranges in New Mexico, Nevada and Kansas to simulate wartime bombing missions. The sortie surge met its goal July



A member of the 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron changes a B-1 tire July 28.

# Mission accomplished!

## 7th BW pulls together to launch all sorties during surge

**By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson Dvess Public Affairs** 

The 7th Bomb Wing recently proved its combat capability in grand sortie surge last week.

The surge, which included roundthe-clock sorties that incorporated the entire maintenance and operations communities, began July 28 and ended with all sorties completed just in time at 5 a.m. July 31.

"This surge helped solidify Team Dyess and show that it is ready for the fight -- anytime, anywhere," said Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander. "The dedication by the entire wing was instrumental in the success of this surge."

"Lots of folks pitched in and helped," George added. "Folks on and off the flightline were jumping at chances to help all of Team Dvess

The surge, which was meant to exercise the Dyess B-1 community's wartime capability, had a few hitches in the beginning, but Dyess members adapted to the challenges and overcame them, according to Col.

Group commander.

"The surge was a tremendous success from a maintenance perspective," Dickmeyer said. "Even though our aircraft didn't cooperate as well fashion as it completed a three-day as we would have liked, the proud cials. men and women of the 7th Maintenance Group adapted beautifully and stayed in the fight. Such an accomplishment can only happen when an organization works as a single unit toward a single goal," he

The wing's overall goal was to launch 45 B-1s, carrying 24 Joint Direct Attack Munitions and unguided munitions to attack separate bomb ranges.

Forty-five B-1s carrying a full load of JDAMs is the equivalent of over 500 F-16 sorties, George said.

The bombers launched in two-ship formations and went to bombing ranges at the Utah Test and Training Range, Nellis Range at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Melrose Range at Cannon AFB, N.M., and the Smoky Hill Range in Kansas.

The achievement required the efforts of not only the operations and maintenance communities, but of

Airman 1st Class Brandon Neitz, 7th Munitions Squadron, prepares a bomb

for transfer to a B-1 during the 7th Bomb Wing's surge July 28.

Robert Dickmeyer. 7th Maintenance various base organizations such as the 7th Services Squadron flight kitchen, the 7th Civil Engineer Squadron and members from the 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron to name a few, according to Dyess offi-

The last time the Dyess B-1 community accomplished a sortie surge was during the wing's deployment to Guam earlier in the year. That surge achieved similar success as well.

"We will take the lessons learned from the surge and work hard to make our generation process even better," Dickmeyer said. "Ultimately, we will continue to focus on the Operational Readiness Inspection and then the rest of Air Combat Command will know just how good the 7th Bomb Wing really is."



Senior Airman Mark Jenkins, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, secures ordnance on a B-1 July 29.



A Dyess B-1 climbs after performing a touch-and-go during day two of the sortie surge. The three-day surge consisted of Dyess planes flying to various ranges throughout the United States to drop Joint Direct Attack Munitions as well as unguided munitions. The base met its goal of completing 45 B-1 sorties, which equaled the equivalent of over 500 F-16 sorties



**Munitions Squadron, sprays** paint to cover information on boxes for operational security. During the surge, many Dyess work sections worked around the clock to

ensure mission success.

## NCO notches number 8

By 2nd Lt. Ben Gamble Dyess Public Affairs

The putt left the bare dirt, skirted a low obstacle, climbed a steep slope and rolled across the green to finally plop into the cup.

While such a shot sounds fit for a miniature golf course, this was the very shot made by Lupe Garcia, 7th Medical Group NCO in charge of outpatient records, during the second round of the Dyess base golf tournament, held Saturday and Sunday. The shot gave him the advantage that would win his eighth base championship.

After accidentally vaulting his ball beyond the green, Garcia was forced to putt from behind the 11th hole. He choked up on his putter and, dodging a tree branch, sent the ball more than 60 feet up onto the green and sunk it.

But things didn't look rosy for the defending champ for much of the tournament. As the second day got into full swing, Garcia was locked in a three-way tie for second place. At the time, Jeff Cook, incoming 7th MDG information management flight commander, led the pack by two strokes.

"This is going to be a tough one," Garcia said. "It's going to come down to the final hole."

It didn't take long for an opportunity to present itself, however, as Cook's drive off the second tee box buried itself in the rough.

"It's like an Easter egg hunt," quipped Jim McGuinness, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron watershop NCO in charge, as he helped search for Cook's wayward ball. McGuinness, Garcia and Dan Pimentel, 7th Operations Support Squadron chief of airspace and ranges, were all tied for second place with 74 strokes.

Now working to overcome a onestroke penalty for hitting into a lateral hazard, Cook went on to complete the hole, but remarked, "I think I just blew my lead -- it's pretty much even now."

Cook's prophesy would later prove true, as Garcia emerged from the dead heat tournament and successfully defending his Dyess golf championship with a two under-par 144. He was closely followed by McGuinness, who shot a 147, and Cook who fired a 151.



Airman Shawn Baldau

Lupe Garcia, 7th Medical Group, chips on the sixth hole at the Dyess base golf tournament held Saturday and Sunday. Lupe fired a two-round total of 144 to win his eighth base title.

"(We) just couldn't keep up with him," McGuinness said. "All we could do was try to hold it together and play our best."

Garcia, however, insisted his success was primarily based on "being luckier than the other guys," and the most surprising part of the tournament was actually winning.

"I was more concerned with making a respectable showing than winning," Garcia said. "I just got into my own little world and started playing."

The New Braunsels, Texas, native taught himself to play golf at age 9. Now averaging 275-yard drives, his common practice routine includes 50-yard shots and 5-yard putts.

As the base champion, Garcia will play next in the Air Combat Command Golf Championship at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., later this month. If he is chosen as one of ACC's top 10 golfers, Garcia will play in the ACC/Royal Air Force Challenge Cup next year.

Garcia's competitors all "wished him well" in all his future challenges on the golf course.

"I'll be glad when (Garcia) retires (in two years) so maybe the rest of us will have a shot," McGuinness said jokingly. "Too bad I retire at the same time."